

# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Teacher Notes:

I am so over the snowy, icy weather!

We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Friday. I am so proud of all of the progress that the children have made socially and academically.

Please help us to encourage independence in your children. Here are some ways to allow them to become more independent at home:

1. Zipping their coats.
2. Tying their shoes.
3. Unpacking their book bag and bringing important papers to you.

## Language Arts:

We learned about the letter “q”. The good thing about the letter “q” is that it has a best friend that always goes with it. Ask your child to tell you who is best friends with the letter “q”. We also made a letter quilt. Working in small groups, we wrote and/or drew pictures of things that started with all of the letters of the alphabet. To reinforce all of the facts that we learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, we wrote about each one of the presidents. The thing we remember most about George Washington is that he was a good horse rider and had a horse named Whitefoot, and for Abraham Lincoln that he kept papers in his tall hat. ☺

## Math:

Although we have casually discussed coins in our classroom since the beginning of the school year, this week, we took things to the next level. To help us recognize coins, we made a flip book that listed each of the coin's color, shape, size, value, and other important attributes. We also used a 9-box matrix to practice coin recognition; please practice recognizing coins at home. We also reviewed and practiced measuring with Lincoln logs and pennies. For 100<sup>th</sup> day fun, we used Apple Jacks cereal and a string. We put 9 orange Apple Jacks on the string, and then added 1 green Apple Jack. This process continued until we reached 100. We practiced counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's.

## Other Activities:

In center time, we wrote with quill pens, built with Lincoln logs, and played Tic Tac Toe using pennies and quarters for the markers.

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### Upcoming Events:

## Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

## Homework:

Practice at home needs to happen every night. Your children will only benefit from the 10 minutes that you spend with them. Try to make it fun; turn it into a game, not work.

*A fun idea to try at home: Use the word lists to make cards. On one card, write the beginning sound and on another card write the rest of the word. Have your child match the cards to make the word. Thanks for sharing your idea, Mrs. Handy!*

## Next Week:

Next week, we will begin learning about the letter "n" and have fun with nursery rhymes and Dr. Seuss!

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

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questions and concerns:  
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